

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH



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December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses: 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:

June 30, 2019 - September 1, 2019

Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 10:30 AM Mass. Arrangements for the Baptism should be made at least one month in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage according to the Common Policy of the Bishops of the Province of New Jersey. Either the bride or groom must be registered with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the rectory office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be registered in the parish. Letters of testimony for Godparents and Sponsors cannot be given unless one is registered. All parishioners should be active in parish life and be known to one of the parish priests. Stewardship (church support) is a serious responsibility of every Catholic. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of their collection envelopes. When moving, please notify the rectory office.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 2, 2018

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in
the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

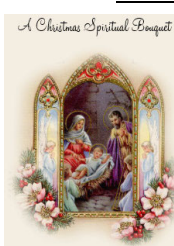
We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS



All Masses on Christmas Day, including the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm, will be offered for all individuals, living or deceased, named on the Spiritual Bouquet Mass Cards. These Christmas cards are available in the vestibule of the Church and at the Rectory office during office hours. Complete the front of the envelope and return it with your donation of \$5 per

name. Place it in the collection basket or return it the Rectory office. The greeting card and envelope are yours to present or keep. All intentions will be placed on the Altar during all Christmas Masses.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Advent is a Perfect Time for Reconciliation.

It is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Please join us on **Monday, December 3rd at 7:30 PM at St. Cecilia Church.**



SACRAMENTS FOR THE SHUT-INS



Those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or the Sacrament of Eucharist in their homes during the Advent Season, may call the Rectory during office hours to make the necessary arrangements.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree, a long standing tradition here at Our Lady of Sorrows, helps bring the joys of Christmas to those who may not be able to celebrate due to financial struggles. To participate, please take an ornament from the tree in the back of the church. **Please bring the wrapped gifts no later than the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 16th.**

Be sure to attach the "tag" from the giving tree to the gift so it can be easily identified for sorting.



Volunteers will be needed to help with sorting and the delivery of the gifts, which will be delivered on December 16th.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS



The celebration of Christmas by American families is enriched spiritually when the time honored "Old Country" traditional customs are adopted. The father breaks the Christmas Wafer into pieces, which he shares with his wife and children as they sit around the table

covered with a white cloth, under which there is straw, as a reminder of the Holy Child's Manger in Bethlehem. As the members share this "bread of peace and reconciliation" they wish one another happiness and joy for the Christmas Season and the New Year, mutually asking and receiving forgiveness for any hurts or offenses they may have been guilty of during the last twelve months. Wafers are available from the ushers or at the Rectory during office hours. Cost \$5.00.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Donations will be accepted toward the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias in memory of a loved one or special intention. These flowers will be placed on the Altars of the Church during the Christmas Season. Please fill out the form below and place it with your donation in the collection basket, mail, or drop it off at the Rectory.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Envelope No. _____
Name of Donor: _____
In Memory of: _____
Two Person Maximum per Request of \$10.00

MARTHA MINISTRY

The Martha Ministry will meet on the 3rd Friday of every month at 1:00 PM. Please note the new day and time. Come help us maintain our Church in beauty and order to honor God. The next date is December 21st.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 1
Confessions 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 2
CCD classes

MONDAY, December 3
Advent Penance Service

7:30 PM St. Cecilia Church
Choir Practice 7:15 PM
New members welcome!

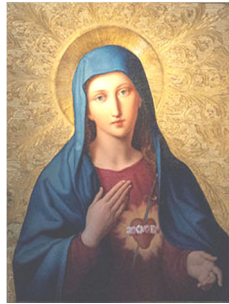
WEDNESDAY, December 5
Fr. John's Bible Study
7:30 PM St. Cecilia Rectory Basement

FRIDAY, December 7
Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, December 8
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy day of Obligation**

Mass at 7:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
Confessions 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 9
CCD classes



LECTOR/MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 7 Vigil Immaculate Conception

7:00 PM J. Mackesy

December 8 - Immaculate Conception

12:00 PM L. Mackalonis J. Morton

December 8/9

5:00 PM J. Mackesy J. Morton

8:00 AM C. Danzi A. Martinez

10:30 AM W. Kluss L. Muldoon

ALTAR SERVERS

December 7 Vigil Immaculate Conception

7:00 PM Nicole, Natasha, Izabella, Giselle & Desiree

December 8 - Immaculate Conception

7:30 AM Kristen & Kayleen

12:00 PM Kayla, Savannah, Alexandria, Vanessa & Haley

December 8/9

5:00 PM Nicole, Natasha, Izabella, Giselle & Desiree

8:00 AM Kayla, Savannah, Alexandria, Vanessa & Haley

10:30 AM Kristen, Kayleen, Emily, Eileen & Vincent



The 1st collection for November 18th:

\$1362.00

Black and Indian Campaign/CRS:

\$401.00

The 1st collection for November 25th: \$933.00

Archdiocesan Monthly Assessment: \$363.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died; may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Ray Blair, Anne & Helen Caveney, Dolores DeFazio, Elaine & Janette & Harry Faulk, Kathleen Fudali, Ted Hirschi, James Kashauer, Tom Kashauer, John Keogh, Barbara Lore, Lois Mannion, Kathleen Podlaski, Diane Sahar, Jose Sanchez, June Struzienski, Iris Torres Colon** and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

May God grant them healing.



Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday
5:00 PM

December 1
Nick and Donald Zuza

Req. Esteves Family

Sunday
8:00 AM

December 2
Joseph Sgalia

Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

10:30 AM

Special Intentions of the Rosary Society

Monday

December 3

7:30 AM

Robert Lacinski

Req. Kim and Chuck Blackely

Tuesday

December 4

7:30 AM

Charles Kerr

Req. Muldoon Family

Wednesday

December 5

7:30 AM

Martina Sullivan

Req. Jean Morton

Thursday

December 6

7:30 AM

Gloria Marie Kluss

Req. Walter J. Kluss

Friday

December 7

7:30 AM

Dottie Wright

Req. The Muldoon Family

7:00 PM

Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception

Priests of the Parish

Saturday

December 8

Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Jose Osorio

Req. Sergio and Marlene Sanchez

12:00 PM

Msgr John Gilchrist

Req. Pat, Ray and Eileen Blair

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday

December 8

5:00 PM

Pedro Santos Rodrigues

Req. Fatima Association

Sunday

December 9

8:00 AM

Christina Najuch

Req. Dolores Walingavich

10:30 AM

Martha and Stephen Hetey

Req. Kathleen Fudali

THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED 20 MINUTES
BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 2, 2018



ALTAR BREAD & WINE...

People of the Parish / OLS

SANCTUARY LAMP...

People of the Parish / OLS

ALTAR CANDLES...

People of the Parish / OLS



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